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SCI AGREEMENT WITH HPCL AND BPCL
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Shipping Corporation of India hassigned an agreement with HPCL and BPCL to lift crude oil from foreign shores;

(b) if so, the main features of the agreement; and

(c) the extent to which the Shipping Corporation of India is likely to be able to lift the crude oil from foreign shores?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL)

(a)& (b) Yes, Sir, Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) has entered into acontract with BPCL.The contract covers carrying of crude oil for BPCL and KRL from foreign shores and for coastal transportation of Bombay high crude. The contract is for the year 2002-03 and is for a period of 6 months with 2 extensions of 3 months each at BPCL's option.The freight and demurrage rates are market related and mutually agreed between SCI and BPCLSCI has also decided to enter into a contract with HPCL for carrying of crude oil from foreign shores and for transportation of indigenous crude (RAVVA CRUDE). The contract will be for the year 2002-03 and will be for a period of 6 months with 2 extensions of 3 months each at HPCL's option.The freight and demurrage rate will be market related and as mutually agreed between SCI and HPCL.

(c) With its diversified tonnage, SCI can cater to therequirement of imports as well as coastal transportation requirements of all the Indian PSU refineries.With 5 vessels to be added in 2002 and 4 in early 2003, the deadweight of SCI's Tanker fleet shall be further enhanced.